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VIENNA FOR US MISSION IAEA

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SUBJ: EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT

REF: BRUSSELS 6643

1. EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY LEONARD WILLIAMS,
MET ON JULY 7 WITH FISCHER, ROMETSCH, AND BRIEFLY,
EKLUND IN VIENNA TO SEEK A WAY TO COMPLETE THE
SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT. WILLIAMS
HAS GIVEN US A VERBAL REPORT ON THE MEETING.

2. HE FIRST REITERATED THAT HE HAD NO NEGOTIATING MANDATE
FROM THE COUNCIL, BUT RATHER WAS CONDUCTING EXPLORATORY
TALKS. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD
MET FISCHER AND ROMETSCH AND THAT HE FOUND THEM TO BE
ARTICULATE, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND CONVINCING.

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3. HE SAID THAT IT WAS AGREED TO TRY TO RESOLVE
THEIR DIFFERENCES FIRST ON TWO TYPES OF FACILITIES;
VIZ, LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND REPROCESSING FACILITIES.
IT WAS FELT THAT IF THESE COULD BE SOLVED, IT WOULD
REMOVE A LOT OF THE HEAT THAT WOULD OTHERWISE OCCUR
AT THE NEXT IAEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING (ALTHOUGH HE

NOTED THAT THE USSR WOULD PROBABLY HAVE STRONG WORDS TO SAY IN ANY EVENT). A WORKING LEVEL GROUP FROM EC (HEADED BY BEN SHARPE, EURATOM SAFEGUARDS) WILL MEET WITH IAEA STAFF ON 11, 12, AND 13 JULY TO SEE IF AGREEMENT ON THESE TWO TYPES OF FACILITIES CAN BE WORKED OUT. IF THE PROGNOSIS IS FAVORABLE, WILLIAMS SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO VIENNA ON JULY 19 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. (HE DID NOT SAY WHAT COMES NEXT IF THE TEAMS CANNOT REACH AGREEMENT, BUT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION LATER WITH DCM, GAVE EVERY INDICATION THAT HE EXPECTED TO RETURN ON JULY 19).

4. ON REPROCESSING FACILITIES, THE COMBINED INSPECTION TEAM APPROACH WILL BE PURSUED. WILLIAMS SAID THAT THIS APPROACH, IF AGREED TO BY THE EC, WOULD REPRESENT A COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF THE EC. HE EXPECTS CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING AGREEMENT FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT IAEA AGREED TO CONSIDER A RATIO OF TWO TO ONE (EURATOM TO IAEA) IN INSPECTION MANHOURS ON LIGHT WATER REACTORS INSTEAD OF HOLDING TO THEIR RECENT POSITION THAT THE INSPECTION EFFORT OF THE TWO AGENCIES WOULD BE COMPARABLE. THIS, HE FELT, WOULD HELP IN GETTING EC MEMBER COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO COMBINED TEAM APPROACH.

5. WILLIAMS SAID THAT BOTH PARTIES ACCEPT THE NECESSITY TO FURTHER EXTEND THE DATE FOR FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE
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(NOW AT AUGUST 22). HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SUGGESTING DECEMBER 31 AS THE NEXT EXTENSION SINCE HE IS SURE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE THAT LONG (MAINLY BECAUSE OF WHAT HE CALLED THE "INCREDIBLY INFLEXIBLE" ATTITUDE OF SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES).HINTON

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